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1. ON JANUARY 23, 1978, EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER DISCUSSED PROPOSED VISIT BY US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICER LELAND SNOW AND ACCOMPANYING EXPERT WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL RTG DOL WICHIT SAENGTHONG, WHO HAD UNEXPECTEDLY CANCELED PREVIOUS TRAVEL PLANS. WICHIT SAID HE AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE RTG DOL OFFICIALS WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH SNOW AND COLLEAGUE DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13-17. WICHIT INDICATED HE STILL PREFERS SEMINAR TOPIC "DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULUM FOR NEW RTG DOL TRAINING INSTITUTE" BUT WANTS SNOW AND COLLEAGUE TO HAVE WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH RTG DOL TRAINING OFFICIALS AND LATITUDE TO SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE SEMINAR TOPICS. WICHIT ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF SIDE TRIP TO KHON KAEN TO VISIT RTG DOL'S REGIONAL SKILL TRAINING CENTER.

2. COMMENT: GIVEN DAY TO DAY PRESSURES OF DIFFICULT JOB, DG WICHIT HAD OBVIOUSLY GIVEN LITTLE TIME OR THOUGHT TO USDOL SEMINAR OFFER. NEVERTHELESS EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTS USDOL OFFER AS POTENTIALLY BENEFICIAL IN UP-GRADING SKILLS OF RTG DOL BUT BELIEVES INITIATIVE AND ORGANIZATION MUST OF NECESSITY COME FROM USDOL. EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER HAS PROVIDED WICHIT WITH WRITTEN SUMMARY OF PARAGRAPH 2
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REFTEL A TO ASSIST RTG DOL IN FOCUSING ON PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF ORGANIZING SEMINAR.
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